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Key findings

This bulletin covers qualifications of all types at level 4 and above (equivalent to post A level), excluding university degrees, which are regulated by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) rather than the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual). There is some overlap between the figures in this bulletin and those in the Vocational Qualifications Quarterly, which covers National Vocational qualifications (NVQ), Vocationally Related qualifications (VRQ), Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) qualifications and Occupational qualifications (OQ) at all levels.

Since 2010 there has been a large growth in available higher qualifications. This is in line with the transition of qualifications to the QCF, which started to see large growth at the beginning of 2010.

There were 46,200 higher qualification achievements in July to September 2011, a decrease of 6% on the same quarter of 2010. This figure covered 694 different qualifications, an increase of 27% on the previous year. The individual qualification with the greatest number of achievements was AAT Level 4 Diploma in Accounting (QCF), with 2,450 achievements.

While there has been a growth in the number of available qualifications – a trend which began in 2010 – there has not yet been a corresponding increase in the number of achievements. This is probably due to higher level qualifications generally taking a long period of time to complete. As a result of this we may expect to see a growth in the number of achievements from 2012 onwards, following on from the increase in the number of qualifications available.

In July to September 2011 achievements for higher qualifications were recorded by 83 awarding organisations. The awarding organisation that recorded the most achievements was Pearson Education Ltd. (Edexcel), with 10,700 achievements.

The sector subject area (SSA) with the most achievements was business, administration and law, with 20,450 achievements, which represents 44% of the total higher achievements.

The higher qualification type with the greatest number of achievements was the QCF type, with 28,050 achievements, representing 61% all higher achievements.

The level with the most achievements was level 4, which recorded 24,100 achievements, which represents 52% of the total higher achievements.

Introduction

This statistical bulletin is published by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual). We regulate qualifications, examinations and assessments in England and vocational qualifications in Northern Ireland. In this bulletin we present data on achievements for regulated higher qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland during the July to September 2011 quarter.

This bulletin is one of a suite of three publications presenting quarterly data on achievements for regulated qualifications, excluding GCSEs, GCEs¹ and the Diploma. The other two bulletins are:

- Vocational Qualifications Quarterly (covers NVQ, VRQ, OQ and QCF qualifications at all levels)
- Supplemental Qualifications Quarterly (covers Entry to level 3 for Basic Skills, Entry level, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Free-standing Mathematics Qualifications, Functional Skills, Key Skills and Other General qualifications)

All awarding organisations submit data to us each quarter on the number of achievements for regulated qualifications (excluding GCSE and GCE) during the quarter. Achievements are recorded in the quarter during which the final certificate is issued. This bulletin presents this data, giving information on the number of achievements recorded by awarding organisations and the SSA, qualification type and level of achievements. All regulated qualifications are included, regardless of age of learner, centre type and funding status of the qualification.

Geographical coverage

This bulletin covers the regulated qualifications of all recognised awarding organisations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Only one figure for the total number of achievements for each qualification is available, so it is not currently possible to present the data at country level. We have now started collecting more comprehensive data and eventually expect to be able to present data at country level.

¹ Data for GCSEs and GCEs can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) website at www.jcq.org.uk/national_results/index.cfm or at www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data

Qualification type

At the point of accreditation, regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 18 qualification types, which are used to classify qualifications in this bulletin. We recognise that classification system is not ideal, as very similar qualifications may appear under different types, for example NVQ and QCF, and some qualifications are miscoded. We are investigating how this situation might be improved in the future.

Revisions

Once published, data on the number of certifications for any qualification is not usually subject to revision. However, data may be revised in subsequent bulletins due to late-received data or if an error is identified. Qualifications may also be re-categorised to a different type, level, SSA or awarding organisation. In some cases, this may result in previous data being amended to reflect the new categorisation.

In this bulletin some figures have been revised since the quarter 2 2011 bulletin. These revisions were due to historical updates from two awarding organisations.

Completeness of the data

Data is sent to us every quarter by each awarding organisation. Any awarding organisation that does not return a complete set of data within the collection period is contacted to ensure the data is as complete as possible. For this quarter, data was received from all awarding organisations.

Figures in the commentary and the tables for the numbers of achievements recorded are rounded to the nearest 50. This reflects the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale data collection.

Due to seasonal variation in the number of achievements over the year, comparisons in this bulletin are only made to data in the same quarter of the previous year.

The raw data, since 1989, is available in the Regulated Qualifications Activity data set in the statistics section of Ofqual's website: www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/vocational-data

Definitions

A glossary is available as a separate document in the statistical section of Ofqual's website: www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/165/411 , which has further details on SSA classifications, qualification types and levels.

In the charts in this bulletin quarter numbers refer to calendar quarters. So, Q1 refers to January to March, Q2 to April to June, Q3 to July to September and Q4 to October to December.

Any suggestions or comments regarding this bulletin would be welcome. Our contact details are at the back of this document.

Achievements this quarter

To provide an overall perspective on achievements during the latest quarter, this section presents figures for all qualifications types, except GCSE, A level and Diploma types. Further details about types not included in this bulletin can be found in the companion bulletins on vocational and supplemental qualifications.

The total number of achievements across all qualification types for the period July to September 2011 is shown in the table below (with July to September 2010 shown for comparison):

| Qualification type | July to September 2010 | July to September 2011 | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Basic Skills | 197,200 | 138,900 | ↓ |
| ESOL | 119,650 | 115,100 | ↓ |
| Entry level | 172,850 | 125,600 | ↓ |
| Free-standing Mathematics Qualification | 22,900 | 23,900 | ↑ |
| Functional Skills | 188,300 | 334,500 | ↑ |
| Higher level | 23,600 | 12,000 | ↓ |
| Key Skills | 467,900 | 243,550 | ↓ |
| NVQ | 349,550 | 124,250 | ↓ |
| OQ | 6,450 | 3,600 | ↓ |
| Other General | 535,000 | 480,650 | ↓ |
| QCF | 348,500 | 1,393,650 | ↑ |
| VRQ | 1,078,700 | 561,950 | ↓ |
| Total number of achievements | 3,510,550 | 3,598,500 | ↑ |

From the table above we can see the impact of qualifications being restructured onto the QCF, with nearly a fourfold increase in the number of achievements. We also see nearly a twofold increase in Functional Skills achievements, a qualification type which

replaces Key Skills and Basic Skills. Key Skills and Basic Skills show a corresponding decline of 224,350 (48%) and 58,300 (30%) achievements respectively when compared with July to September 2010. There is also a slight increase (by 1,000 achievements) in the number of Free-standing Mathematics Qualifications awarded. With qualifications being restructured onto the QCF we see a decline in all other qualification types, with the largest decreases in achievements reported for NVQs (64%), higher level (49%), VRQs (48%) and OQs (44%).

Those with a rather smaller decline were Entry level (27%), Other General (10%) and ESOL (4%) qualifications.

The 20 qualifications with the highest number of achievements across all qualification types for the period July to September 2011 are shown in the table below:

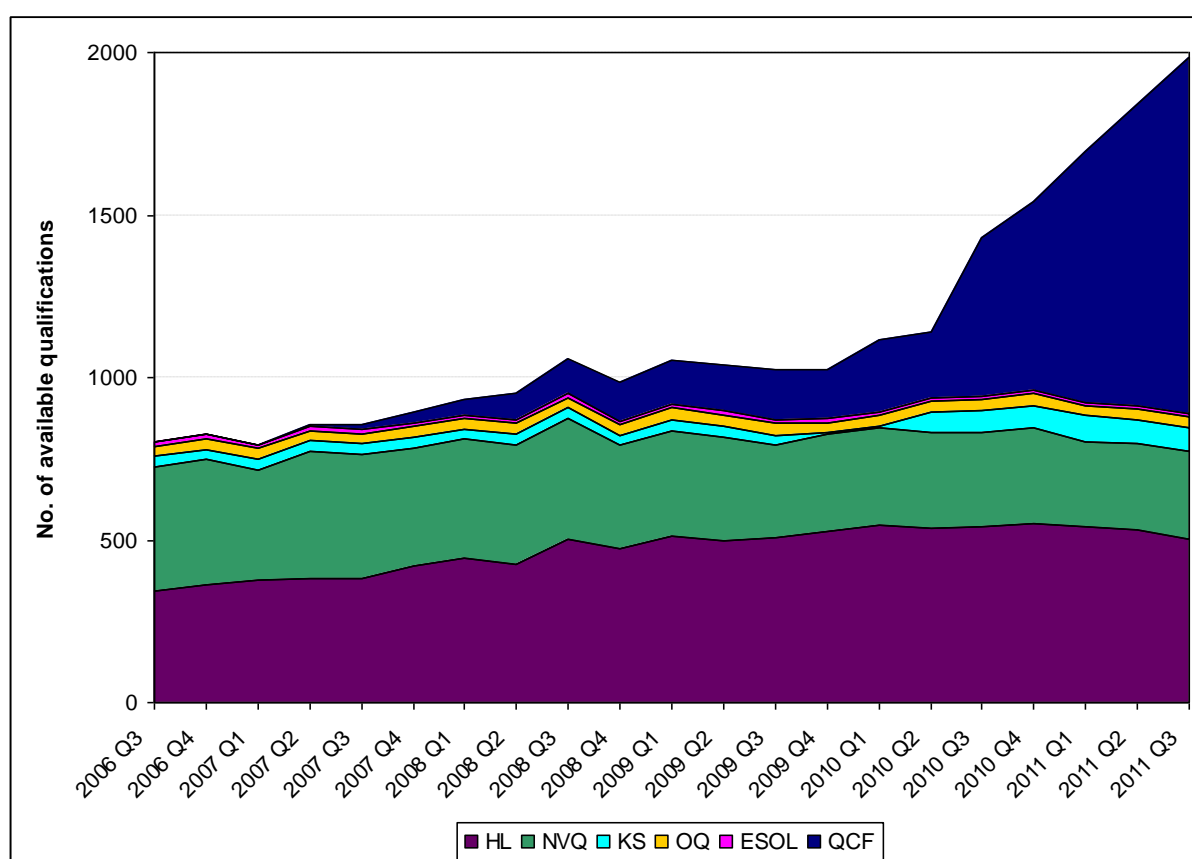
| Qualification | Qualification type | Number of achievements |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| OCR Level 2 National First Award in ICT | VRQ | 65,100 |
| ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance | OG | 59,700 |
| CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF) | QCF | 40,000 |
| EDEXCEL Level 2 Award in Digital Applications for IT Users | OG | 36,850 |
| OCR Level 2 National Award in ICT | VRQ | 35,950 |
| AQA Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life | OG | 26,350 |
| AQA Level 1 Certificate in French (FCSE) | OG | 26,350 |
| AQA Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 2 | FS | 25,200 |
| Sports Leaders UK Level 1 Award in Sports Leadership (QCF) | QCF | 23,550 |
| EDEXCEL Level 2 Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users | OG | 21,950 |
| EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Applied Science | VRQ | 21,500 |

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|---|-----|--------|
| AQA Level 1 Certificate in Preparation for Working Life | OG | 21,100 |
| EDEXCEL Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Sport | VRQ | 20,500 |
| ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Music Performance | OG | 19,150 |
| City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1 | FS | 18,600 |
| City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in mathematics at Entry 3 | FS | 17,700 |
| BIIAB Level 2 Award for Personal Licence Holders (QCF) | QCF | 17,000 |
| City & Guilds Functional Skills qualification in English at Entry 3 | FS | 16,750 |
| EDEXCEL Functional Skills qualification in English at Level 1 | FS | 16,600 |
| EDEXCEL BTEC Level 2 Award in WorkSkills (QCF) | QCF | 16,000 |

Regulated higher qualifications

There are currently 1,987 available regulated higher qualifications. These comprise 1,100 QCF type, 504 higher level, 267 NVQ, 72 Key Skills, 35 OQ and 9 ESOL qualifications (see figure 1 and table 1). Available qualifications are those that are listed in the Register of Regulated Qualifications as available for awarding, that is to say that they have passed their start or effective date but have not yet passed their final certification end date.

Figure 1: Number of available regulated higher qualifications per quarter by qualification type, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011



The continual growth of available qualifications could be due to higher qualifications being available on the QCF. Before 2006, higher qualifications were limited in their availability, with VRQs going up to level 3 only and NVQs up to level 5 (although the higher level NVQs have made up a consistently small part of the total NVQ achievements, ranging between 3% and 6 % over the past six years (for more information see the Vocational Qualifications Quarterly). Between 2006 and 2008 the QCF was piloted and the recognition conditions for QCF were published in 2008. The large increase in available qualifications since 2010 is in line with the transition of qualifications to the QCF, which started to see large growth at the beginning of 2010.

During the last quarter, 152 new higher qualifications were added to the list of available regulated qualifications. All but two of these were QCF type.

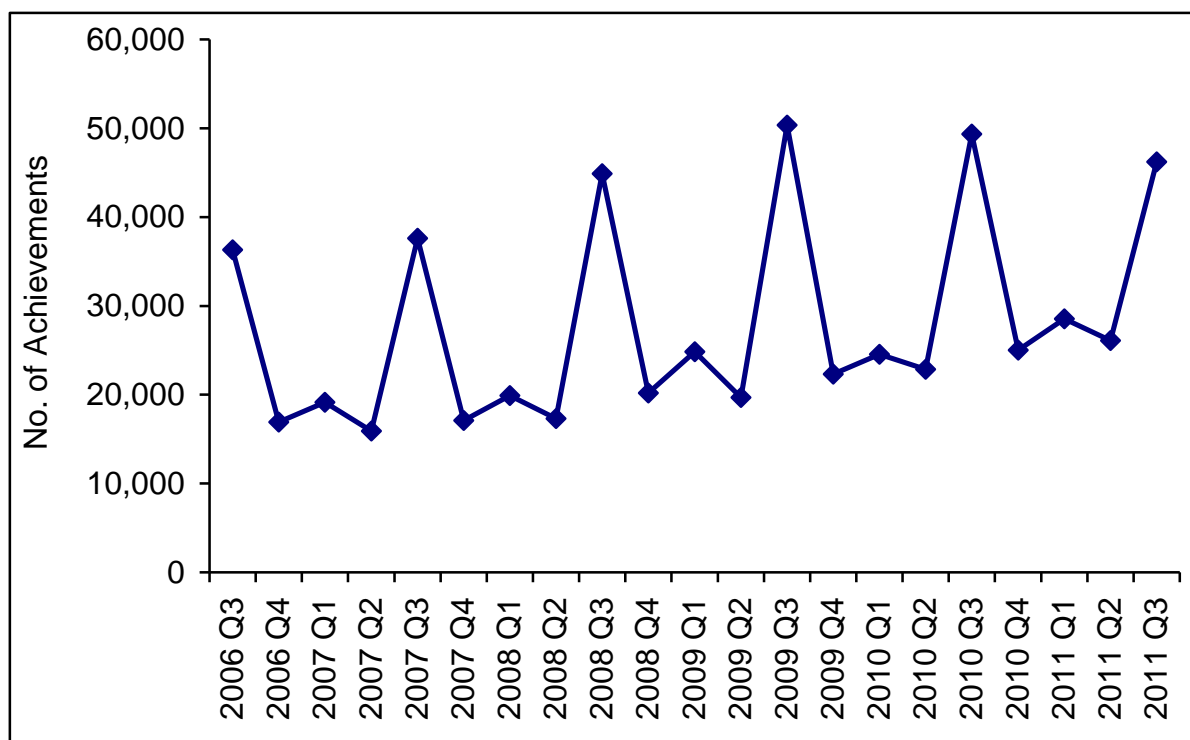
During the last quarter, no existing higher qualifications were re-categorised to a different type, level or SSA.

Since the previous quarter, no qualifications have transferred between awarding organisations.

Achievements

There were 46,200 achievements recorded for regulated higher qualifications in July to September 2011, a decrease of 6% from the same quarter of 2010 (see table 2 and figure 2).

Figure 2: Total number of higher qualification achievements per quarter, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011



From 2 we can see that there has been a decrease in certifications for these qualifications in quarter over the past two years. For all other quarters during the last two years, however, there has been an increase. It may be that the increase in QCF qualifications has encouraged higher qualifications to be awarded more evenly across the year, with fewer being awarded as part of the summer season.

The achievements in July to September 2011 covered 694 different qualifications, with a wide range in the number of achievements per qualification. For 92 qualifications there were greater than 100 achievements during July to September 2011, and for five qualifications there were at least 1,000 achievements.

The five higher qualifications with the greatest numbers of achievements in July to September 2011 are shown in the table below (with July to September 2010 figures shown for comparison).

| Qualification | Number of achievements | |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | July to September 2010 | July to September 2011 |
| AAT Level 4 Diploma in Accounting (QCF) | 0 | 2450 |
| City & Guilds Level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (QCF) | 1850 | 2050 |
| ILEX Level 6 Certificate in Law (QCF) | 1450 | 1450 |
| Cambridge ESOL Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA) (QCF) | 0 | 1400 |
| CII Level 4 Diploma in Financial Planning (QCF) | 500 | 1100 |

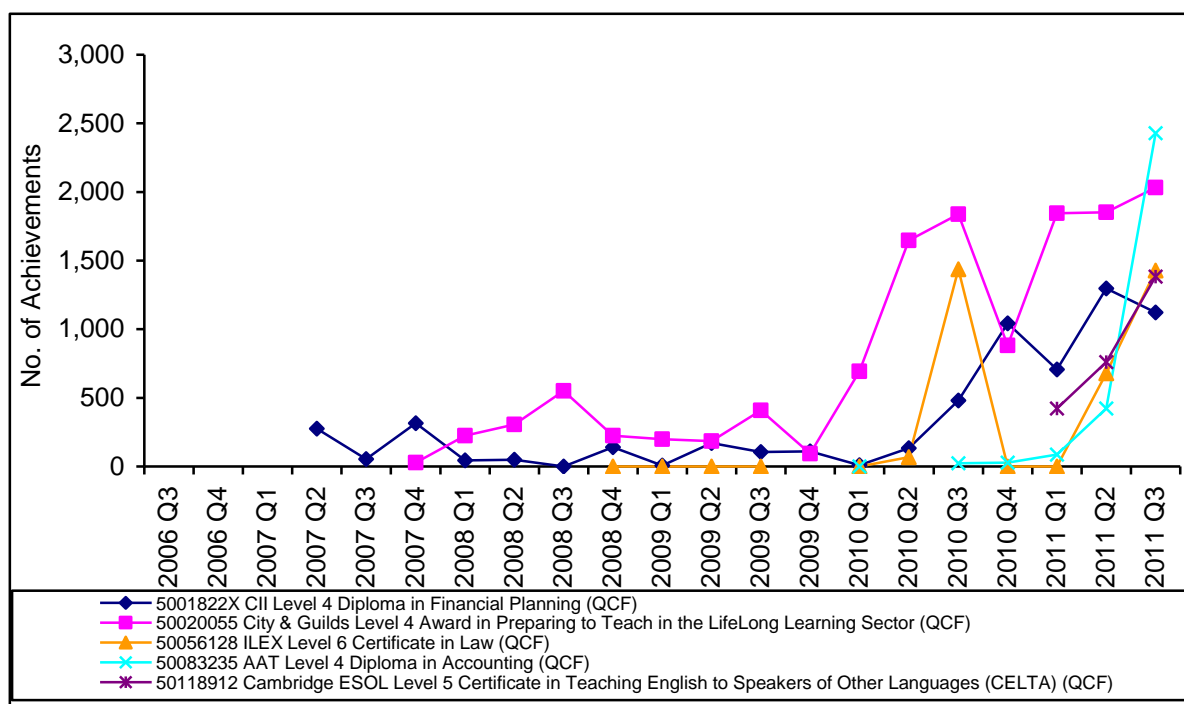
All five of these qualifications are on the QCF. The 50 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are listed in table 3.

The zero figure for July to September 2010 for the Cambridge ESOL Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages is rather deceptive. The achievement rate for this qualification has been relatively consistent, but a year ago the certifications were made against the old National Qualifications Framework (NQF) version, which had 1,000 achievements in July to September 2010.

In contrast, the AAT Level 4 Diploma in Accounting seems to have seen the greatest increase in awards of the five listed qualifications. There was an NQF version of this qualification certifying in the July to September of last year, but there were only 650 awards made, in contrast with the 2,450 awards made in the latest quarter.

Figure 3 shows the trend since July to September 2006 for the five higher qualifications with the greatest number of achievements in July to September 2011.

Figure 3: The five higher qualifications with the largest number of achievements in July to September 2011, showing trend from July to September 2006



Awarding organisations

There are currently 110 recognised awarding organisations that offer regulated higher qualifications.

In July to September 2011, 83 awarding organisations recorded achievements.

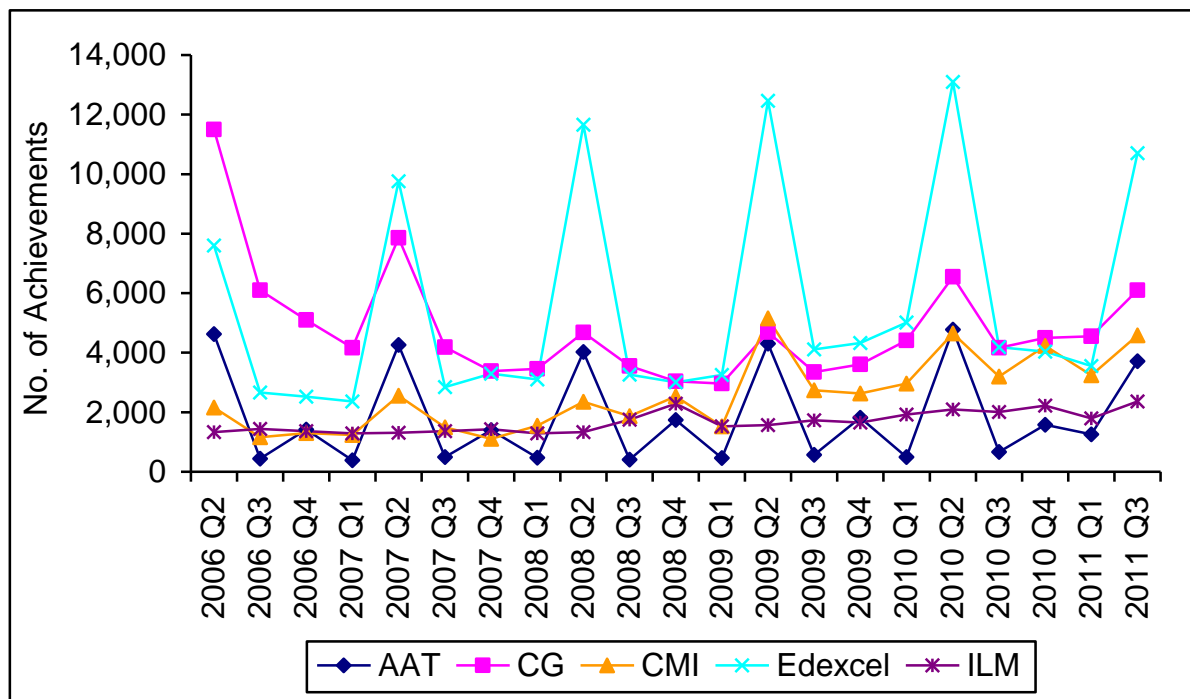
The ten higher awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements in July to September 2011 are shown in the table below (with July to September 2010 figures shown for comparison).

| Awarding organisation | Number of achievements | | Percentage change in achievements |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | July to September 2010 | July to September 2011 | |
| Pearson Education Ltd | 13,100 | 10,700 | -18% |
| City & Guilds of London Institute | 6,500 | 6,100 | -6% |
| Chartered Management Institute | 4,650 | 4,600 | -1% |
| Association of Accounting Technicians | 4,800 | 3,700 | -23% |
| <u>Institute of Leadership & Management</u> | <u>2,100</u> | <u>2,350</u> | <u>12%</u> |
| OCR | 2,150 | 1,700 | -21% |
| <u>University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations</u> | <u>1,250</u> | <u>1,600</u> | <u>28%</u> |
| Institute of Legal Executives | 1,650 | 1,500 | -9% |
| Trinity College London | 1,600 | 1,450 | -9% |
| <u>Chartered Insurance Institute</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>1,200</u> | <u>140%</u> |

Each of the four awarding organisations awarding the largest number of achievements in the latest quarter has experienced a decrease in the number of awards when compared with the same quarter of 2010. Of the top ten awarding organisations only three (underlined) showed growth from July to September 2010 to the latest quarter.

Figure 4 shows the trend since 2006 for the five awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements during July to September 2011. The 50 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements are listed in table 4.

Figure 4: The five awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements for higher qualifications in July to September 2011, showing trends from July to September 2006



Sector subject area

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 15 SSA codes (see glossary for further details).

The SSA with the greatest number of achievements for higher qualifications in July to September 2011 was Business, Administration and Law, with 20,450 achievements – a decline for the first time for this SSA (of 11% when compared with the same quarter of 2010). The second most common SSA was Education and Training, with 9,800 achievements, an increase of 15% on the same quarter of 2010. The third most common SSA was Health, Public Services and Care, with 5,650 achievements – a decline of 13% on the same quarter of 2010.

Figures 5 and 6 compare the number of achievements seen in each SSA with the percentage change in achievements from July–September 2010 to July–September 2011. We can see that the majority of SSA classifications saw a reduction in the number of certifications between July–September 2010 and July–September 2011. However, many of these SSAs had very few achievements. Two of the SSAs saw a significant rise in achievements: Arts, Media and Publishing; and Languages, Literature and Culture. These two areas were both one of the four largest SSA classifications in terms of achievements within higher qualifications.

Figure 5: Higher qualification achievements by SSA for July to September 2011

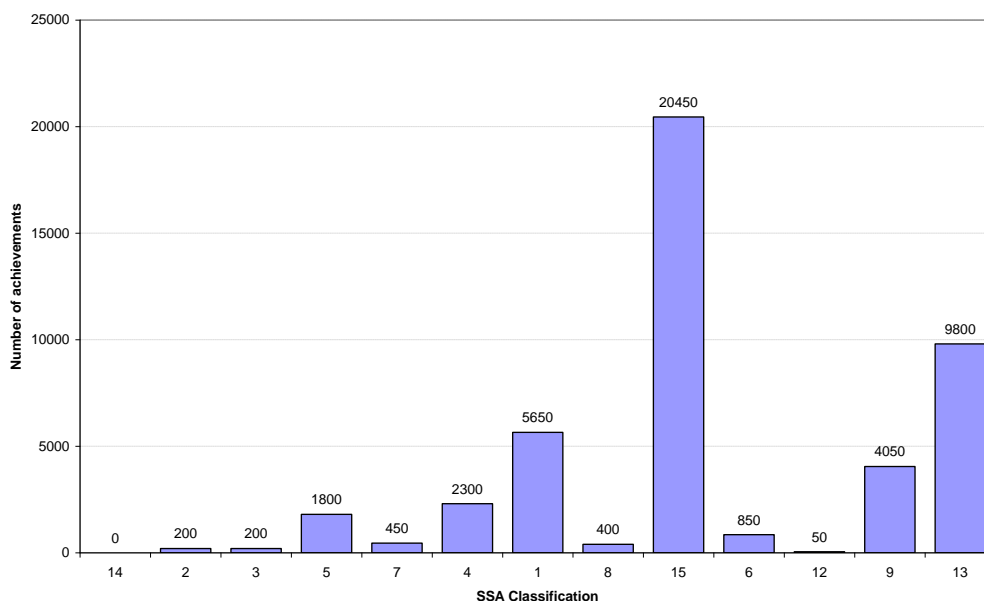
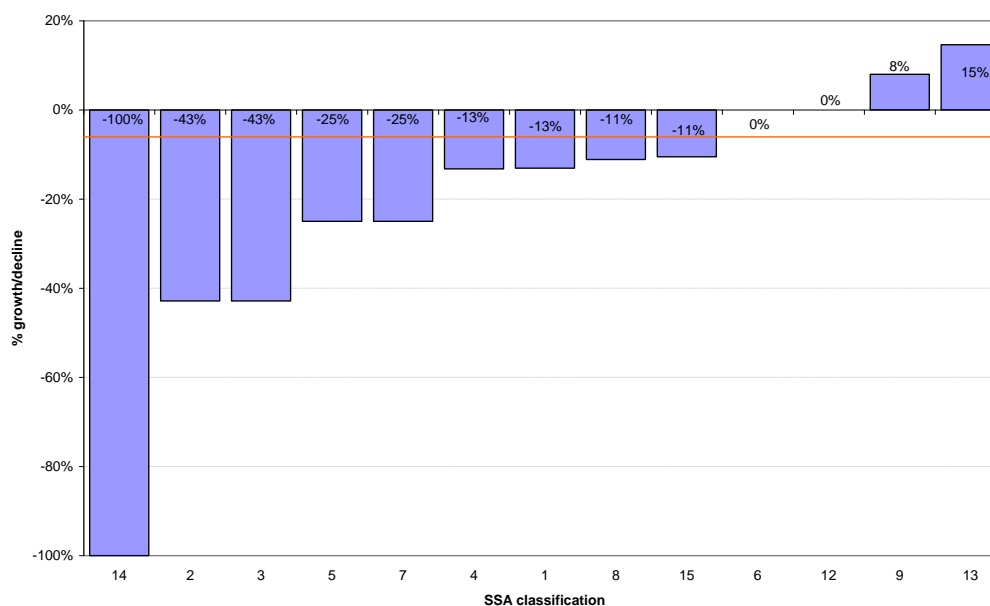


Figure 6: Percentage growth and decline in achievements between July–September 2010 and July–September 2011 by SSA. The red line shows the overall decline in number of higher qualifications since the previous year change for all higher qualifications (-6%).

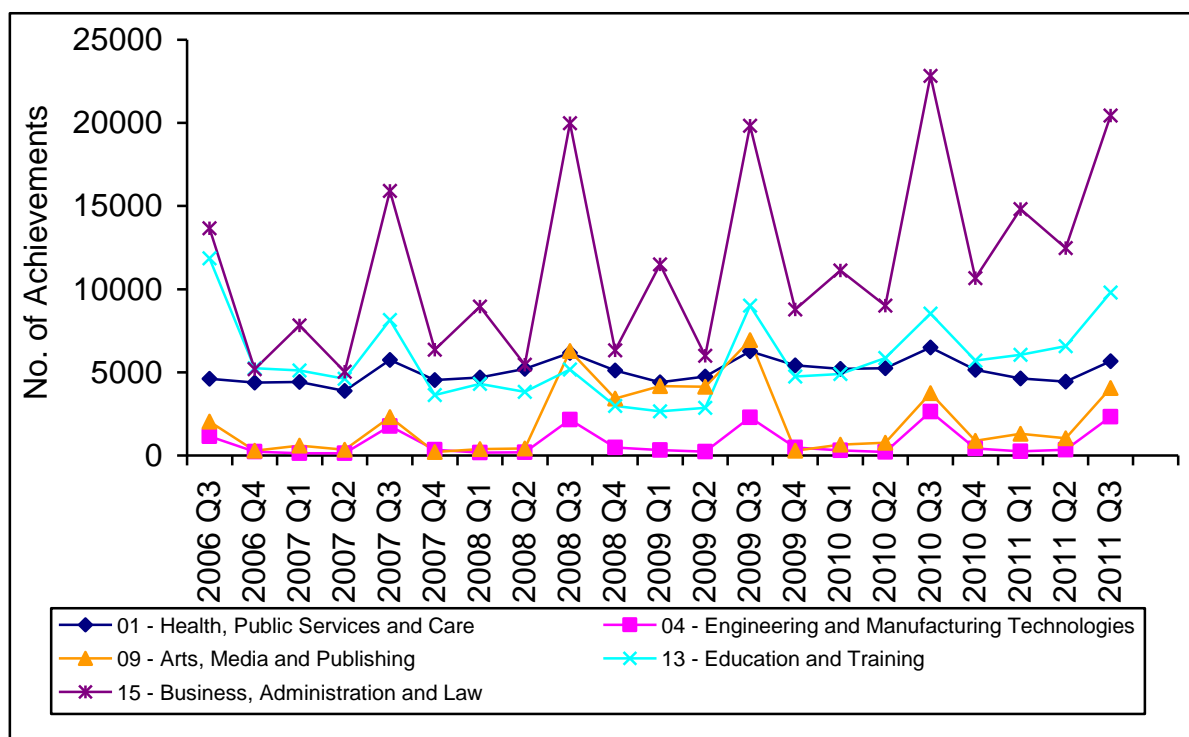


- 1 Health, Public Services and Care
- 2 Science and Mathematics
- 3 Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care
- 4 Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies
- 5 Construction, Planning and the Built Environment
- 6 Information and Communication Technology
- 7 Retail and Commercial Enterprise

- 8 Leisure, Travel and Tourism
- 9 Arts, Media and Publishing
- 12 Languages, Literature and Culture
- 13 Education and Training
- 14 Preparation for Life and Work
- 15 Business, Administration and Law

Figure 7 shows the trend since 2006 for the five largest SSAs in terms of achievements during July to September 2011.

Figure 7: Higher qualification achievements by SSA, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011, showing the five largest SSAs (see table 5 for further details)



Type of qualification

Regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 18 qualification types (see glossary for a full listing).

The qualification type with the greatest number of achievements for higher qualifications in July to September 2011 was the QCF type, with 28,050 achievements. This was a large (116%) increase compared with the same quarter of 2010. The increase reflects the restructuring of many qualifications which were previously on the NQF and are now on the QCF.

The second most frequently awarded qualification type was the higher level, with 12,000 achievements, a decrease of 49 % on the same quarter of 2010.

The qualification type with the third highest number of achievements was the NVQ, with 5,400 achievements, a decrease of 53% on the same quarter of 2010.

Figure 8 shows the breakdown of higher qualifications by type for July to September 2011, and figure 9 shows the trend since 2006 for the qualification types with the greatest number of achievements during July to September 2011.

Figure 8: Higher qualification achievements by qualification type for July to September 2011

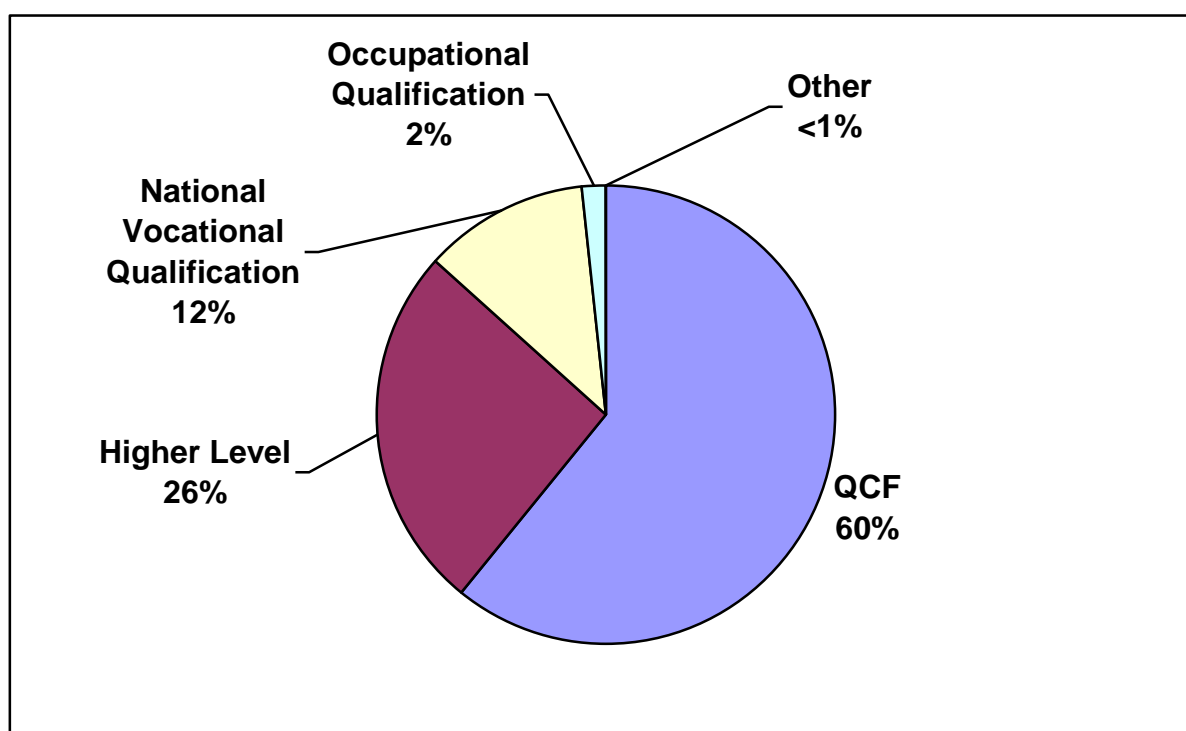
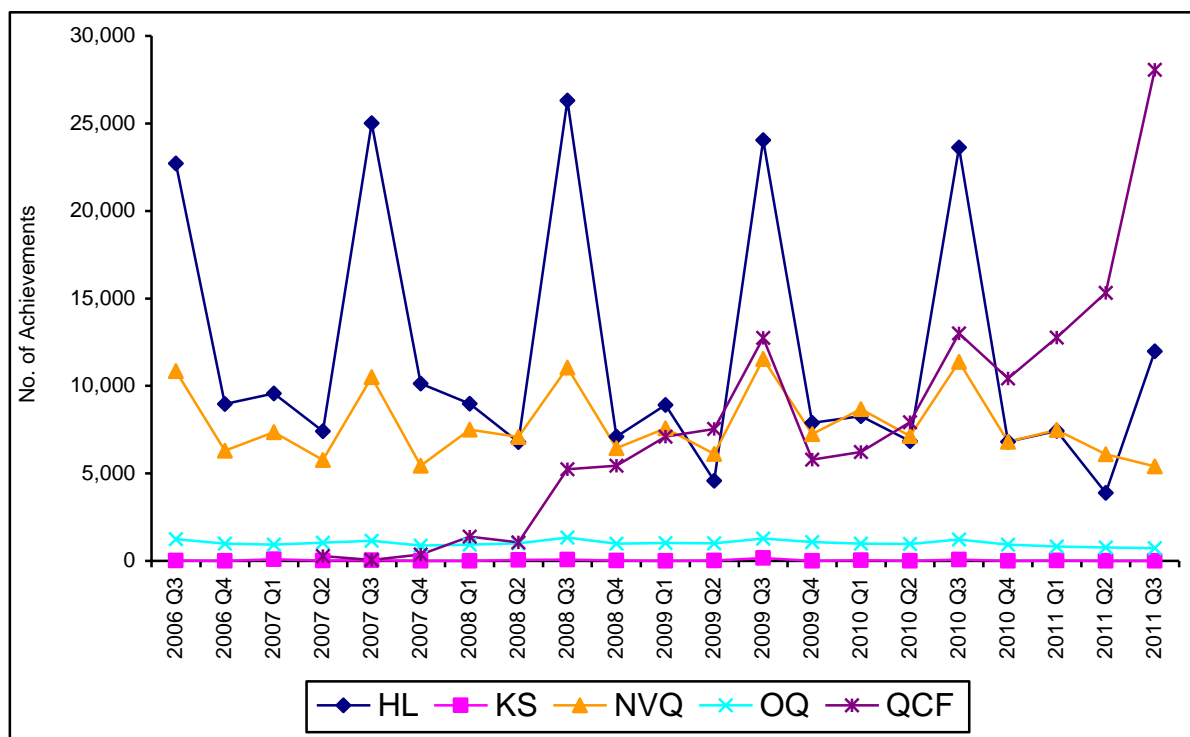


Figure 9: Higher qualification achievements by qualification type for July–September 2006 to July–September 2011, showing the five largest types (see table 6 for further details)



Level of qualification

All regulated qualifications are assigned a level, ranging from Entry, then 1 to 8 (see glossary for full details). Higher qualifications are those at levels 4 to 8.

Figures 10 and 11 show the large variation in the number of achievements by level and also the variation in change between July to September 2010 and the latest quarter. Of the five levels, only level 4 and level 8 showed an increase in achievements. For level 8 the number of achievements overall is very low, although for level 4 the achievements are very much higher, and so the 1% increase equates to a significant number of additional learners. Levels 5 to 7 all showed a significant decrease in the number of achievements, with the greatest decrease seen at level 7 (24%).

Figure 10: Higher qualification achievements by level for July to September 2011

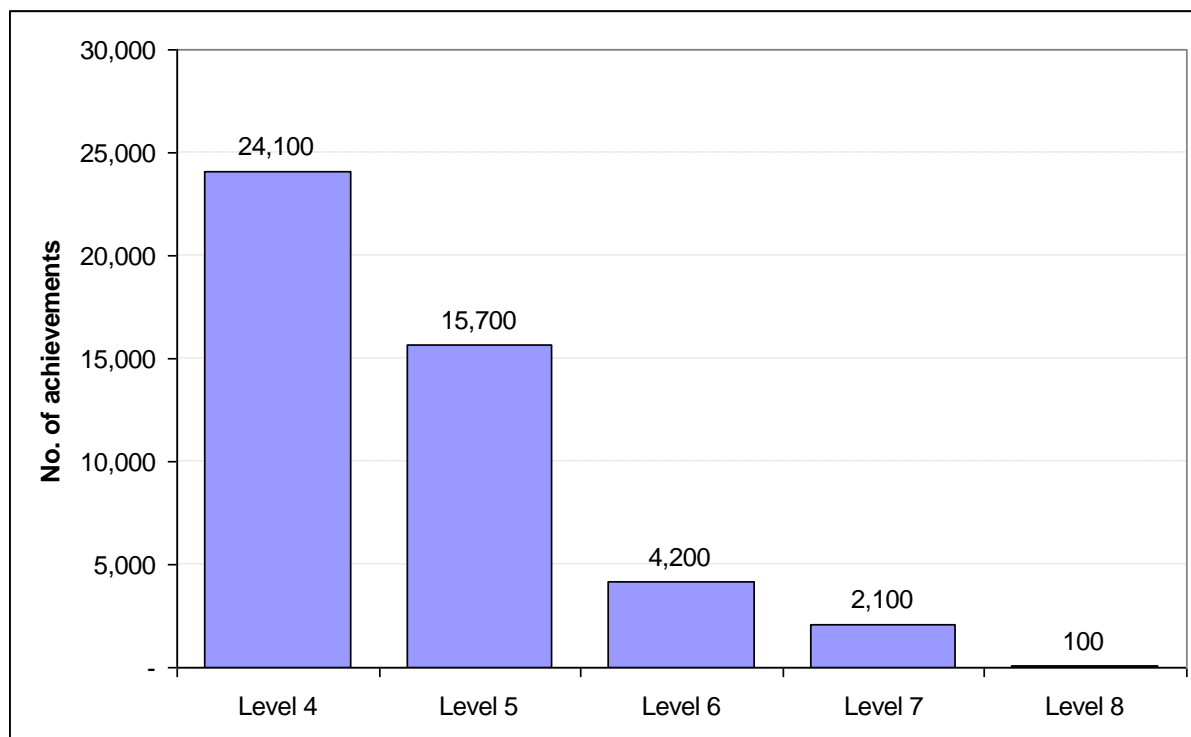


Figure 11: Percentage growth and decline in achievements between July–September 2010 and July–September 2011 by level. The red line shows total change for all higher qualifications (-6%).

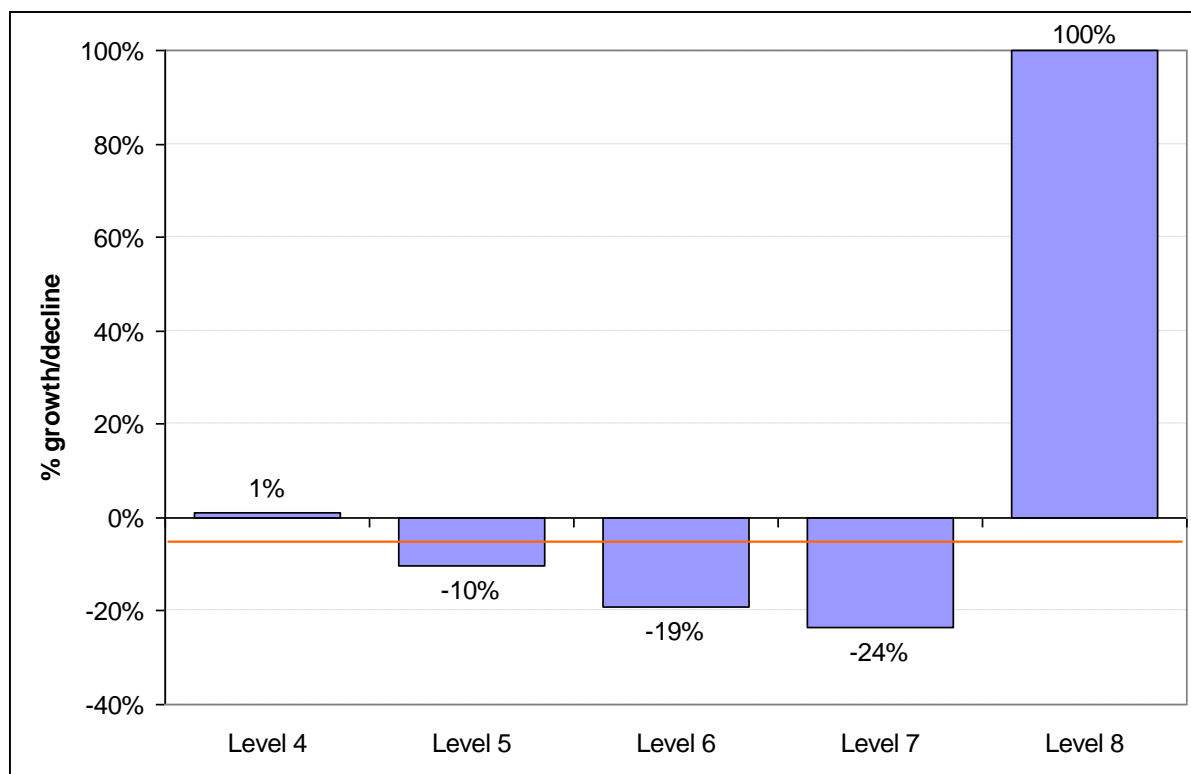
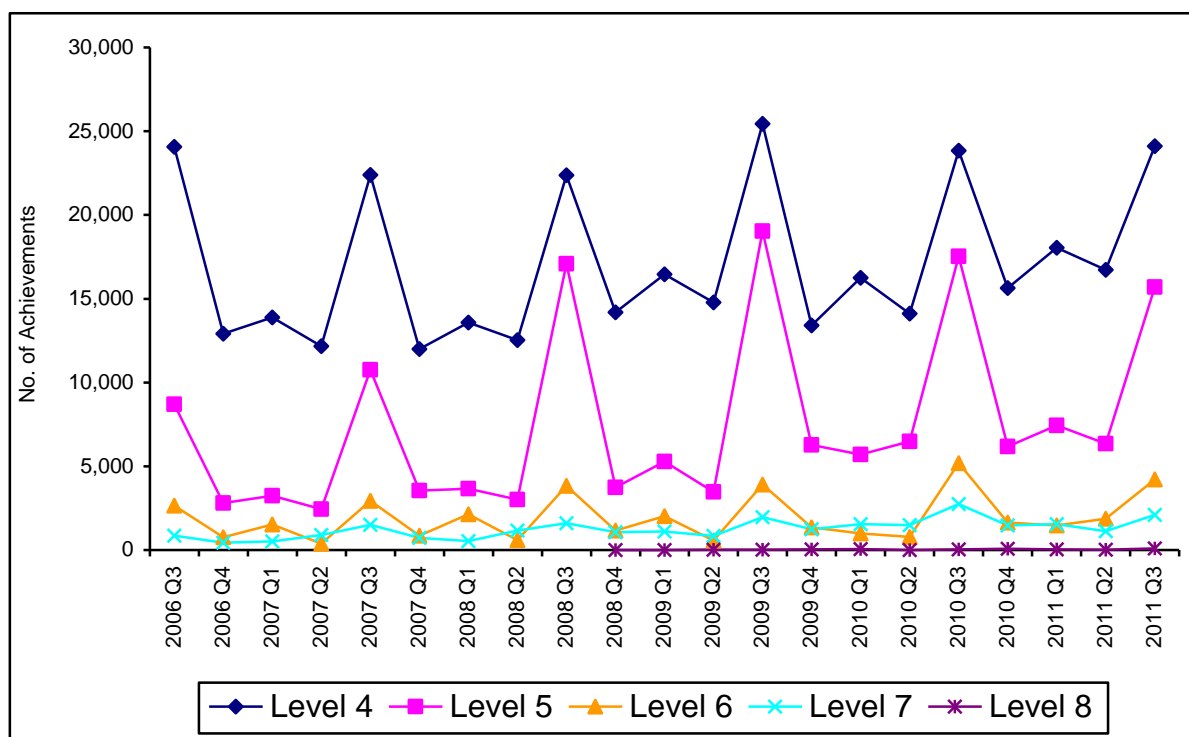


Figure 12 shows the trend in the number of achievements awarded since 2006 for each qualification level.

Figure 12: Higher qualification achievements by level of qualification, July–September 2006 to July–September 2011 (see table 7 for further details)



Tables

Table 1: Number of regulated available qualifications for: Higher Level, covering Higher Level Qualifications and Supplemental Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

| | ESOL | HL | KS | NVQ | OQ | QCF | Total number of Qualifications |
|--------------|--|--------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | English for Speakers of Other Languages | Higher Level | Key Skills | National Vocational Qualification | Occupational Qualification | Qualifications and Credit Framework | |
| 05-06 | 11 | 347 | 32 | 449 | 33 | | 872 |
| 06-07 | 11 | 413 | 32 | 414 | 33 | 17 | 920 |
| 07-08 | 11 | 505 | 32 | 399 | 33 | 108 | 1,088 |
| 08-09 | 12 | 545 | 32 | 365 | 37 | 160 | 1,151 |
| 09-10 | 11 | 577 | 68 | 315 | 35 | 496 | 1,502 |
| 10-11 | 10 | 554 | 78 | 291 | 35 | 1,117 | 2,085 |
| Oct-Dec 2005 | 11 | 321 | 32 | 409 | 31 | | 804 |
| Jan-Mar 2006 | 11 | 329 | 32 | 357 | 31 | | 760 |
| Apr-Jun 2006 | 11 | 334 | 32 | 361 | 29 | | 767 |
| Jul-Sep 2006 | 11 | 345 | 32 | 381 | 31 | | 800 |
| Oct-Dec 2006 | 11 | 364 | 32 | 384 | 33 | | 824 |
| Jan-Mar 2007 | 11 | 375 | 32 | 341 | 33 | | 792 |
| Apr-Jun 2007 | 11 | 384 | 32 | 389 | 33 | 6 | 855 |
| Jul-Sep 2007 | 11 | 383 | 32 | 380 | 33 | 16 | 855 |
| Oct-Dec 2007 | 11 | 421 | 32 | 363 | 33 | 33 | 893 |
| Jan-Mar 2008 | 11 | 446 | 32 | 364 | 33 | 46 | 932 |
| Apr-Jun 2008 | 11 | 423 | 32 | 370 | 33 | 83 | 952 |
| Jul-Sep 2008 | 11 | 502 | 32 | 372 | 33 | 108 | 1,058 |
| Oct-Dec 2008 | 11 | 472 | 32 | 319 | 33 | 117 | 984 |
| Jan-Mar 2009 | 12 | 510 | 32 | 328 | 36 | 135 | 1,053 |
| Apr-Jun 2009 | 12 | 500 | 32 | 317 | 37 | 143 | 1,041 |
| Jul-Sep 2009 | 11 | 505 | 32 | 286 | 36 | 154 | 1,024 |
| Oct-Dec 2009 | 11 | 526 | 2 | 301 | 33 | 152 | 1,025 |
| Jan-Mar 2010 | 10 | 545 | 6 | 301 | 33 | 222 | 1,117 |
| Apr-Jun 2010 | 10 | 534 | 60 | 299 | 33 | 206 | 1,142 |
| Jul-Sep 2010 | 10 | 540 | 67 | 290 | 33 | 489 | 1,429 |
| Oct-Dec 2010 | 10 | 552 | 72 | 291 | 35 | 580 | 1,540 |
| Jan-Mar 2011 | 9 | 540 | 78 | 264 | 33 | 773 | 1,697 |
| Apr-Jun 2011 | 9 | 529 | 72 | 268 | 33 | 930 | 1,841 |
| Jul-Sep 2011 | 9 | 504 | 72 | 267 | 35 | 1,100 | 1,987 |

Source: Regulated Qualifications Activity Database

Notes:

1. Secondary Qualifications represent qualifications from Entry Level to Level 3. Higher Qualifications represent qualifications from Level 4 to Level 8
2. Data are supplied by awarding organisations
3. Annual Data are for academic years i.e. October to September

Rounding: All figures are rounded to the nearest 50, values less than 25 will appear as '-'. Figures have been rounded independently so may not sum to the total.

Table 2: Total Achievements: Higher Level Qualifications For Higher Level Qualifications and Supplemental Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

| | Total number of |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 05-06 | 83,600 |
| 06-07 | 89,550 |
| 07-08 | 99,200 |
| 08-09 | 115,100 |
| 09-10 | 119,050 |
| 10-11 | 125,850 |
| Oct-Dec 2005 | 16,350 |
| Jan-Mar 2006 | 17,300 |
| Apr-Jun 2006 | 13,650 |
| Jul-Sep 2006 | 36,300 |
| Oct-Dec 2006 | 16,900 |
| Jan-Mar 2007 | 19,150 |
| Apr-Jun 2007 | 15,900 |
| Jul-Sep 2007 | 37,600 |
| Oct-Dec 2007 | 17,100 |
| Jan-Mar 2008 | 19,900 |
| Apr-Jun 2008 | 17,300 |
| Jul-Sep 2008 | 44,900 |
| Oct-Dec 2008 | 20,200 |
| Jan-Mar 2009 | 24,850 |
| Apr-Jun 2009 | 19,700 |
| Jul-Sep 2009 | 50,350 |
| Oct-Dec 2009 | 22,300 |
| Jan-Mar 2010 | 24,550 |
| Apr-Jun 2010 | 22,850 |
| Jul-Sep 2010 | 49,350 |
| Oct-Dec 2010 | 25,000 |
| Jan-Mar 2011 | 28,550 |
| Apr-Jun 2011 | 26,100 |
| Jul-Sep 2011 | 46,200 |

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Table 3: Top 50 Qans by Achievements: For Higher Level Qualifications for Higher Level Qualifications and Supplemental Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications, showing 2011.3 vs 2010.3

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

| | Total Number of achievements | |
|--|------------------------------|--------|
| | 2010.3 | 2011.3 |
| AAT Level 4 Diploma in Accounting (QCF) | 0 | 2450 |
| City & Guilds Level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the LifeLong Learning Sector (QCF) | 1850 | 2050 |
| ILEX Level 6 Certificate in Law (QCF) | 1450 | 1450 |
| Cambridge ESOL Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA) | 0 | 1400 |
| CII Level 4 Diploma in Financial Planning (QCF) | 500 | 1100 |
| AAT Level 4 NVQ in Accounting | 4100 | 1000 |
| CMI Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership (QCF) | 550 | 900 |
| CMI Level 5 Certificate in Management and Leadership (QCF) | 800 | 900 |
| EDEXCEL Level 4 BTEC Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (QCF) | 700 | 900 |
| CMI Level 5 Diploma in Management and Leadership (QCF) | 950 | 850 |
| City & Guilds Level 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning sector (QCF) | 850 | 800 |
| IAM Level 4 Diploma in Administrative Management | 150 | 750 |
| City & Guilds Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (QCF) | 550 | 650 |
| EDEXCEL Level 5 BTEC Higher National Certificate in Electrical/Electronic Engineering | 650 | 600 |
| NULL | 0 | 550 |
| City & Guilds Level 4 NVQ in Health and Social Care | 600 | 550 |
| ILM Level 5 Award in Management (QCF) | 450 | 500 |
| EDEXCEL Level 5 BTEC Higher National Certificate in Construction | 700 | 500 |
| EDEXCEL Level 5 BTEC Higher National Diploma in Business | 700 | 500 |
| CMI Level 5 Award in Management and Leadership (QCF) | 300 | 500 |
| EDEXCEL BTEC Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (QCF) | 0 | 500 |
| ISTD Level 4 Certificate in Vocational Graded Examination in Dance: Advanced 1 (QCF) | 0 | 450 |
| City & Guilds Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management for Care Services | 400 | 450 |
| EDEXCEL Level 5 BTEC Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering | 450 | 400 |
| Edexcel BTEC Level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector | 300 | 400 |
| CFA UK Level 4 Certificate in Investment Management (QCF) | 50 | 400 |
| TCL Level 6 Diploma In Professional Musical Theatre (QCF) | 0 | 400 |
| City & Guilds Level 4 Award in Conducting Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process | 500 | 350 |
| CISI Level 6 Certificate in Private Client Investment Advice & Management (QCF) | 100 | 300 |
| CIM Level 4 Professional Certificate in Marketing | 350 | 300 |
| AQA Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling (QCF) | 0 | 300 |
| EDEXCEL Level 5 BTEC Higher National Certificate in Manufacturing Engineering | 300 | 300 |
| IFS Level 4 Diploma for Financial Advisers (QCF) | 0 | 300 |
| EDEXCEL Level 4 NVQ in Leadership and Management for Care Services | 300 | 300 |
| AAT Level 4 Diploma for Accounting Technicians (QCF) | 0 | 300 |
| Ascentis Level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (QCF) | 200 | 300 |
| Edexcel BTEC Level 7 Extended Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership (QCF) | 0 | 300 |
| Edexcel BTEC Level 5 Diploma in Management and Leadership (QCF) | 0 | 250 |
| ABE Level 5 Diploma in Business Management | 450 | 250 |
| EDEXCEL Level 5 BTEC Higher National Certificate in Civil Engineering | 350 | 250 |
| EDEXCEL Level 5 BTEC Higher National Certificate in Business | 500 | 250 |
| BCS Level 4 Certificate in IT | 0 | 250 |
| CIM Level 6 Professional Diploma in Marketing | 650 | 250 |
| ABC Level 4 Diploma in The Theory and Practice of Counselling | 150 | 250 |
| VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy (QCF) | 50 | 250 |
| EDEXCEL Level 4 NVQ in Health and Social Care | 350 | 250 |
| CACHE Level 4 NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development | 350 | 250 |
| ILM Level 4 Award in Management (QCF) | 250 | 250 |
| CPCAB Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling | 250 | 250 |
| EDEXCEL BTEC Level 5 Diploma in Music (QCF) | 0 | 200 |

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Table 4: Top 50 Awarding Bodies by Achievements: For Higher Level Qualifications covering Higher Level Qualifications and Supplemental Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications, showing 2011.3 vs 2010.3

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

| | Number of achievements | |
|--|------------------------|--------|
| | 2010.3 | 2011.3 |
| Pearson Education Ltd | 13,100 | 10,700 |
| City and Guilds of London Institute | 6,500 | 6,100 |
| Chartered Management Institute | 4,650 | 4,600 |
| Association of Accounting Technicians | 4,800 | 3,700 |
| Institute of Leadership & Management | 2,100 | 2,350 |
| OCR | 2,150 | 1,700 |
| University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations | 1,250 | 1,600 |
| Institute of Legal Executives | 1,650 | 1,500 |
| Trinity College London | 1,600 | 1,450 |
| Chartered Insurance Institute | 500 | 1,200 |
| Institute of Administrative Management | 200 | 850 |
| Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing | 50 | 750 |
| EDI | 400 | 600 |
| Chartered Institute of Marketing | 950 | 550 |
| Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply | 1,800 | 550 |
| Association of Business Executives | 1,400 | 550 |
| ABC Awards | 500 | 500 |
| Ascentis | 300 | 450 |
| Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment | 100 | 400 |
| IFS School of Finance | 150 | 400 |
| CFA Society of UK | 50 | 400 |
| Assessment and Qualifications Alliance | 50 | 400 |
| Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education | 400 | 300 |
| Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body | 250 | 300 |
| VTCT | 100 | 300 |
| BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT | 0 | 300 |
| Cskills Awards | 350 | 250 |
| Institute of Commercial Management | 50 | 250 |
| Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music | 300 | 250 |
| Association of British Dispensing Opticians | 400 | 200 |
| Chartered Institute of Building | 150 | 200 |
| The Market Research Society | 150 | 200 |
| Financial Services NTO | 200 | 200 |
| Royal Academy of Dance | 0 | 150 |
| Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development | 300 | 150 |
| NCFE | 150 | 150 |
| Chartered Institute of Housing | 100 | 150 |
| WAMITAB | 150 | 100 |
| London Centre of Marketing | 100 | 100 |
| Rock School Ltd | 100 | 100 |
| The Pensions Management Institute | 0 | 100 |
| The Confederation of Tourism and Hospitality | 300 | 100 |
| Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance | 50 | 100 |
| NCC Education Services | 100 | 100 |
| British Wheel of Yoga Qualifications | 0 | 100 |
| Chartered Institute of Environmental Health | 200 | 100 |
| National Open College Network | 0 | 50 |
| EMTA Awards Limited | 100 | 50 |
| Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in the UK | 50 | 50 |
| ITEC | 0 | 50 |

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Table 5: Sector Skill Area Achievements: For Higher Level Qualifications covering Higher Level Qualifications and Supplemental Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

| | 01 - Health, Public Services and Care | 02 - Science and Mathematics | 03 - Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care | 04 - Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies | 05 - Construction, Planning and the Built Environment | 06 - Information and Communication Technology | 07 - Retail and Commercial Enterprise | 08 - Leisure, Travel and Tourism | 09 - Arts, Media and Publishing | 10 - History, Philosophy and Theology | 11 - Social Sciences | 12 - Languages, Literature and Culture | 13 - Education and Training | 14 - Preparation for Life and Work | 15 - Business, Administration and Law | Total number of Achievement |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 05-06 | 15,700 | 300 | 950 | 1,400 | 1,950 | 800 | 550 | 150 | 3,450 | 0 | 0 | 550 | 27,450 | 700 | 29,700 | 83,600 |
| 06-07 | 18,450 | 400 | 1,100 | 2,250 | 3,150 | 1,300 | 1,050 | 250 | 3,500 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 23,100 | 150 | 33,950 | 89,550 |
| 07-08 | 20,600 | 350 | 1,250 | 2,850 | 3,850 | 2,500 | 1,300 | 450 | 7,300 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 16,950 | 150 | 40,800 | 99,200 |
| 08-09 | 20,550 | 800 | 1,150 | 3,300 | 4,750 | 2,050 | 1,500 | 450 | 18,650 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 17,500 | 200 | 43,650 | 115,100 |
| 09-10 | 22,350 | 650 | 950 | 3,600 | 5,150 | 1,500 | 2,100 | 900 | 5,450 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 24,050 | 100 | 51,750 | 119,050 |
| 10-11 | 19,900 | 300 | 700 | 3,350 | 3,450 | 1,450 | 1,500 | 950 | 7,250 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 28,150 | 50 | 58,400 | 125,850 |
| Oct-Dec 2005 | 4,300 | 0 | 200 | 50 | 200 | 100 | 100 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 450 | 5,650 | 200 | 4,600 | 16,350 |
| Jan-Mar 2006 | 3,700 | 50 | 200 | 100 | 150 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 400 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 5,300 | 150 | 7,050 | 17,300 |
| Apr-Jun 2006 | 3,100 | 0 | 200 | 100 | 250 | 50 | 150 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,650 | 300 | 4,350 | 13,650 |
| Jul-Sep 2006 | 4,600 | 200 | 300 | 1,150 | 1,400 | 600 | 200 | 150 | 2,050 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 11,850 | 0 | 13,650 | 36,300 |
| Oct-Dec 2006 | 4,400 | 50 | 250 | 200 | 400 | 300 | 150 | 50 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 5,250 | 0 | 5,200 | 16,900 |
| Jan-Mar 2007 | 4,400 | 100 | 250 | 150 | 400 | 50 | 200 | 0 | 600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,100 | 100 | 7,800 | 19,150 |
| Apr-Jun 2007 | 3,900 | 50 | 250 | 150 | 650 | 250 | 250 | 0 | 350 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 4,600 | 0 | 5,050 | 15,900 |
| Jul-Sep 2007 | 5,750 | 250 | 400 | 1,750 | 1,700 | 700 | 450 | 150 | 2,300 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 8,150 | 50 | 15,900 | 37,600 |
| Oct-Dec 2007 | 4,550 | 50 | 200 | 350 | 650 | 350 | 300 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 3,650 | 0 | 6,350 | 17,100 |
| Jan-Mar 2008 | 4,700 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 500 | 50 | 300 | 50 | 400 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 4,300 | 0 | 8,950 | 19,900 |
| Apr-Jun 2008 | 5,200 | 50 | 300 | 200 | 550 | 400 | 400 | 50 | 450 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 3,850 | 50 | 5,450 | 17,300 |
| Jul-Sep 2008 | 6,150 | 150 | 400 | 2,150 | 2,200 | 1,650 | 300 | 350 | 6,300 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 5,150 | 50 | 20,000 | 44,900 |
| Oct-Dec 2008 | 5,100 | 100 | 250 | 450 | 550 | 200 | 350 | 50 | 3,400 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 3,000 | 0 | 6,300 | 20,200 |
| Jan-Mar 2009 | 4,400 | 250 | 250 | 350 | 550 | 450 | 200 | 50 | 4,150 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 2,650 | 0 | 11,500 | 24,850 |
| Apr-Jun 2009 | 4,750 | 0 | 200 | 250 | 950 | 100 | 350 | 50 | 4,150 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 2,850 | 50 | 6,000 | 19,700 |
| Jul-Sep 2009 | 6,250 | 400 | 450 | 2,300 | 2,650 | 1,300 | 600 | 300 | 6,950 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 9,000 | 150 | 19,800 | 50,350 |
| Oct-Dec 2009 | 5,400 | 50 | 200 | 500 | 950 | 400 | 550 | 100 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 350 | 4,750 | 0 | 8,800 | 22,300 |
| Jan-Mar 2010 | 5,200 | 200 | 250 | 300 | 850 | 200 | 600 | 200 | 650 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 4,900 | 50 | 11,100 | 24,550 |
| Apr-Jun 2010 | 5,250 | 50 | 150 | 200 | 1,000 | 50 | 300 | 150 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 5,850 | 0 | 9,000 | 22,850 |
| Jul-Sep 2010 | 6,500 | 350 | 350 | 2,650 | 2,400 | 850 | 600 | 450 | 3,750 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 8,550 | 50 | 22,850 | 49,350 |
| Oct-Dec 2010 | 5,150 | 50 | 150 | 400 | 600 | 400 | 500 | 200 | 900 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 5,700 | 0 | 10,650 | 25,000 |
| Jan-Mar 2011 | 4,650 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 550 | 150 | 350 | 250 | 1,300 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 6,050 | 0 | 14,800 | 28,550 |
| Apr-Jun 2011 | 4,450 | 50 | 200 | 350 | 550 | 50 | 250 | 100 | 1,050 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 6,550 | 0 | 12,450 | 26,100 |
| Jul-Sep 2011 | 5,650 | 200 | 200 | 2,300 | 1,800 | 850 | 450 | 400 | 4,050 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 9,800 | 0 | 20,450 | 46,200 |

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Table 6: Qualification Type Achievements: For Higher Level Qualifications covering Higher Level Qualifications and Supplemental Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

| | ESOL | HL | KS | NVQ | OQ | QCF | |
|--------------|--|--------------|------------|---|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | English for Speakers of Other Languages | Higher Level | Key Skills | National Vocational Qualification | Occupational Qualification | Qualifications and Credit Framework | Total number of Achievement |
| 05-06 | 5,100 | 44,550 | 100 | 29,700 | 4,200 | | 83,600 |
| 06-07 | 4,050 | 50,950 | 150 | 29,950 | 4,100 | 350 | 89,550 |
| 07-08 | 3,600 | 52,200 | 150 | 31,100 | 4,150 | 8,050 | 99,200 |
| 08-09 | 1,450 | 44,650 | 200 | 31,650 | 4,300 | 32,800 | 115,100 |
| 09-10 | 700 | 46,600 | 100 | 34,450 | 4,250 | 32,950 | 119,050 |
| 10-11 | | 30,150 | 50 | 25,800 | 3,250 | 66,600 | 125,850 |
| Oct-Dec 2005 | 1,150 | 7,650 | | 6,650 | 950 | | 16,350 |
| Jan-Mar 2006 | 1,300 | 8,450 | | 6,550 | 1,000 | | 17,300 |
| Apr-Jun 2006 | 1,200 | 5,750 | 50 | 5,700 | 1,000 | | 13,650 |
| Jul-Sep 2006 | 1,500 | 22,700 | | 10,850 | 1,250 | | 36,300 |
| Oct-Dec 2006 | 650 | 8,950 | | 6,300 | 1,000 | | 16,900 |
| Jan-Mar 2007 | 1,200 | 9,550 | 100 | 7,350 | 950 | | 19,150 |
| Apr-Jun 2007 | 1,400 | 7,400 | | 5,800 | 1,050 | 300 | 15,900 |
| Jul-Sep 2007 | 850 | 25,000 | 50 | 10,500 | 1,150 | 50 | 37,600 |
| Oct-Dec 2007 | 300 | 10,150 | | 5,450 | 850 | 350 | 17,100 |
| Jan-Mar 2008 | 1,100 | 9,000 | | 7,500 | 950 | 1,400 | 19,900 |
| Apr-Jun 2008 | 1,300 | 6,800 | 50 | 7,100 | 1,000 | 1,050 | 17,300 |
| Jul-Sep 2008 | 900 | 26,300 | 50 | 11,050 | 1,350 | 5,250 | 44,900 |
| Oct-Dec 2008 | 200 | 7,100 | | 6,450 | 1,000 | 5,450 | 20,200 |
| Jan-Mar 2009 | 250 | 8,900 | | 7,600 | 1,000 | 7,100 | 24,850 |
| Apr-Jun 2009 | 400 | 4,600 | 50 | 6,100 | 1,000 | 7,550 | 19,700 |
| Jul-Sep 2009 | 600 | 24,050 | 150 | 11,550 | 1,250 | 12,750 | 50,350 |
| Oct-Dec 2009 | 300 | 7,900 | | 7,250 | 1,050 | 5,800 | 22,300 |
| Jan-Mar 2010 | 350 | 8,250 | 50 | 8,650 | 1,000 | 6,200 | 24,550 |
| Apr-Jun 2010 | | 6,850 | | 7,150 | 950 | 7,950 | 22,850 |
| Jul-Sep 2010 | | 23,600 | 50 | 11,400 | 1,250 | 13,000 | 49,350 |
| Oct-Dec 2010 | | 6,800 | | 6,800 | 950 | 10,450 | 25,000 |
| Jan-Mar 2011 | | 7,450 | | 7,500 | 800 | 12,750 | 28,550 |
| Apr-Jun 2011 | | 3,900 | | 6,100 | 750 | 15,300 | 26,100 |
| Jul-Sep 2011 | | 12,000 | | 5,400 | 750 | 28,050 | 46,200 |

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Table 7: Detailed Exam Level Achievements: For Higher Level Qualifications covering Higher Level Qualifications and Supplemental Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications, from 05-06 to Jul-Sep 2011

England, Wales & Northern Ireland

| | Level 4 | Level 5 | Level 6 | Level 7 | Level 8 | Total number of Achievements |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------------|
| 05-06 | 61,050 | 14,050 | 6,150 | 2,400 | - | 83,600 |
| 06-07 | 61,350 | 19,250 | 5,600 | 3,350 | - | 89,550 |
| 07-08 | 60,500 | 27,300 | 7,400 | 4,000 | - | 99,200 |
| 08-09 | 70,900 | 31,500 | 7,650 | 5,000 | 50 | 115,100 |
| 09-10 | 67,600 | 35,950 | 8,300 | 7,000 | 150 | 119,050 |
| 10-11 | 74,500 | 35,650 | 9,150 | 6,250 | 200 | 125,850 |
| Oct-Dec 2005 | 13,700 | 1,350 | 800 | 500 | - | 16,350 |
| Jan-Mar 2006 | 12,700 | 1,650 | 2,500 | 450 | - | 17,300 |
| Apr-Jun 2006 | 10,600 | 2,350 | 200 | 550 | - | 13,650 |
| Jul-Sep 2006 | 24,050 | 8,700 | 2,650 | 850 | - | 36,300 |
| Oct-Dec 2006 | 12,900 | 2,800 | 750 | 450 | - | 16,900 |
| Jan-Mar 2007 | 13,900 | 3,250 | 1,550 | 500 | - | 19,150 |
| Apr-Jun 2007 | 12,150 | 2,450 | 400 | 900 | - | 15,900 |
| Jul-Sep 2007 | 22,400 | 10,750 | 2,950 | 1,500 | - | 37,600 |
| Oct-Dec 2007 | 12,000 | 3,550 | 850 | 700 | - | 17,100 |
| Jan-Mar 2008 | 13,550 | 3,650 | 2,150 | 550 | - | 19,900 |
| Apr-Jun 2008 | 12,550 | 3,000 | 600 | 1,150 | - | 17,300 |
| Jul-Sep 2008 | 22,350 | 17,100 | 3,850 | 1,600 | - | 44,900 |
| Oct-Dec 2008 | 14,200 | 3,750 | 1,150 | 1,100 | - | 20,200 |
| Jan-Mar 2009 | 16,450 | 5,300 | 2,000 | 1,100 | - | 24,850 |
| Apr-Jun 2009 | 14,800 | 3,500 | 550 | 850 | - | 19,700 |
| Jul-Sep 2009 | 25,450 | 19,050 | 3,900 | 1,950 | - | 50,350 |
| Oct-Dec 2009 | 13,400 | 6,250 | 1,350 | 1,250 | 50 | 22,300 |
| Jan-Mar 2010 | 16,250 | 5,700 | 1,000 | 1,550 | 50 | 24,550 |
| Apr-Jun 2010 | 14,100 | 6,500 | 800 | 1,500 | - | 22,850 |
| Jul-Sep 2010 | 23,850 | 17,500 | 5,200 | 2,750 | 50 | 49,350 |
| Oct-Dec 2010 | 15,650 | 6,200 | 1,650 | 1,450 | 100 | 25,000 |
| Jan-Mar 2011 | 18,050 | 7,450 | 1,450 | 1,550 | 50 | 28,550 |
| Apr-Jun 2011 | 16,750 | 6,350 | 1,850 | 1,150 | - | 26,100 |
| Jul-Sep 2011 | 24,100 | 15,700 | 4,200 | 2,100 | 100 | 46,200 |

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